(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be paid to the employees and what was the price index in this regard as on 1st January, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) On the basis of the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, as accepted by the Government for Groups 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees, the dearness allowance payable with effect from 1-1-1987, on the basis of percentage increase in whole numbers in the twelve monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960—100) for the period ending December, 1986, over the index average of 608 works out to eight percent for employees of Groups 'B', 'C' and 'D'. Government orders in this regard will be issued in due course after taking into account all aspects. The twelve monthly average of the Consumer Index Numbers for the month ending December, 1986 works out to 661.08.

Government Resolution on the decision of the Government on Commission's recommendations for Group 'A' employees is yet to be issued.

Conversion of outstanding overdrafts of states into long term loans

1080. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have requested Government for conversion of their outstanding overdrafts into long term loan;

(b) if so, the details in this respect; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1985, Karnataka and U.P. had suggested conversion of their overdrafts into long term loans. While Karnataka suggested that repayment should commerce from 1990, U.P. suggested that the said amount should be converted into a normal Plan loan.

(c) Government of India had provided medium-term loans to State Governments for clearing their overdrafts in 1985. Repayment of these loans during the Seventh Plan period had been taken into account while finalising the funding arrangements for the Seventh Plan of the respective States. As such, reconsideration of the earlier decision was not necessary and the Governments of Karnataka and U.P. were informed accordingly.

Applicability of 4th pay commission's recommendations to the senior scientific assistants

1081. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission have been made applicable to the Senior Scientific Assistants in the Ministry of Defence and its Departments; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission have been made applicable to Senior Scientific Assistants in DRDO.

(b) Not applicable.